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**Judy K. Gardner, LMFT** Executive Director

## MINUTES – STAFFORD FAMILY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING JUNE 1, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Sgt. Joseph Strogoff, Bruce Taylor, Steven Moccio, Andrew “Osmar” Starkey, Brian Bradway

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jen Halstrom, Rachel Ayn Konick, Jen Ohlendorf, Ella Ohlendorf, Sal Titus (ex-officio)

GUESTS: Janessa Q, mom Stacy (for school requirement)


STAFF: Judy Gardner, Brenda Henderson

- I. The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.
- II. The Minutes of the March 2, 2023 meeting were approved (Bradway motion, second).
- III. The 11 month summary of clients served and current budget expenditures was presented. Due to interns leaving and only one new intern until September the agency is basically closed to new admissions. The total new cases since July, 2022 is 105. Financially the agency is closer to income from pre-COVID, with \$170,341 currently returned to the Town’s General Fund this year. Ms. Henderson reported that the number of clients with private insurance has increased but co-pay revenues are lower as clients cannot afford the high co-pays. Mr. Bradway asked if unspent DCF funds are returned to the State which they are so efforts are underway to utilize as much of the funds as possible. Ms. Gardner noted that we received \$14,000 in additional funding this year that was not planned for. Some of this funding has gone towards the shared JRB case manager and an additional per diem clinician has been hired. With the Town budget not yet approved it is not clear if agency funding will be the same as this year or the additional money requested for the prescribers and higher costs (billing, electricity, garbage removal) will be available.
- IV. Report from First Selectman – no report.
- V. There were no critical incidents or client grievances to report.

- VI. The draft of the final report for the Annual Strategic plan was distributed and reviewed. Ms. Gardner asked about the objective of being able to provide Narcan directly to families of clients that are active opioid users and Mr. Taylor explained that Narcan can only be distributed via prescription at the pharmacy or by attending a training in person. Ms. Gardner expressed concern that family members are not necessarily ready to recognize the risk for the person that is using. Sgt. Strogoff clarified that while they can administer Narcan they cannot leave a new dose after someone overdoses because of the prescription issue. After some discussion it was decided to wait until the September meeting to final the report and identify new goals for the coming year.
- VII. No other report from SCADA. Mr. Moccio did report that the Youth Voices Count survey was administered to all 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders (with parent permission) and they are gathering the results which will be available to the Advisory Board. This survey was funded by LPC money and other available funds. The Southeastern Regional Action Council (SERAC) is offering training to Youth Service Bureaus in Northeastern CT on the dangers of vaping and Mr. Moccio noted that this continues to be a major issue in the schools.
- VIII. Sgt. Strogoff presented comparison data from 2014 – present for the Town of Stafford (not Troop C) for a variety of crimes. He noted that aggravated assaults are higher already this year than in recent years. Simple assaults, which include many domestic violence calls (if there is any physical contact) are also higher already this year. There have been no motor vehicle thefts or burglary (forced entry) yet this year. He stated that as the weather gets warmer there will be an increase in motor vehicle thefts and larceny. Reported overdoses and opioid related emergency calls were also reported with data from Stafford Ambulance.
- IX. The next meeting of the Advisory Board will be on Thursday, September 7, 2023.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.  
(Moccio motion, Bradway second).

These Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

  
Judy Gardner